

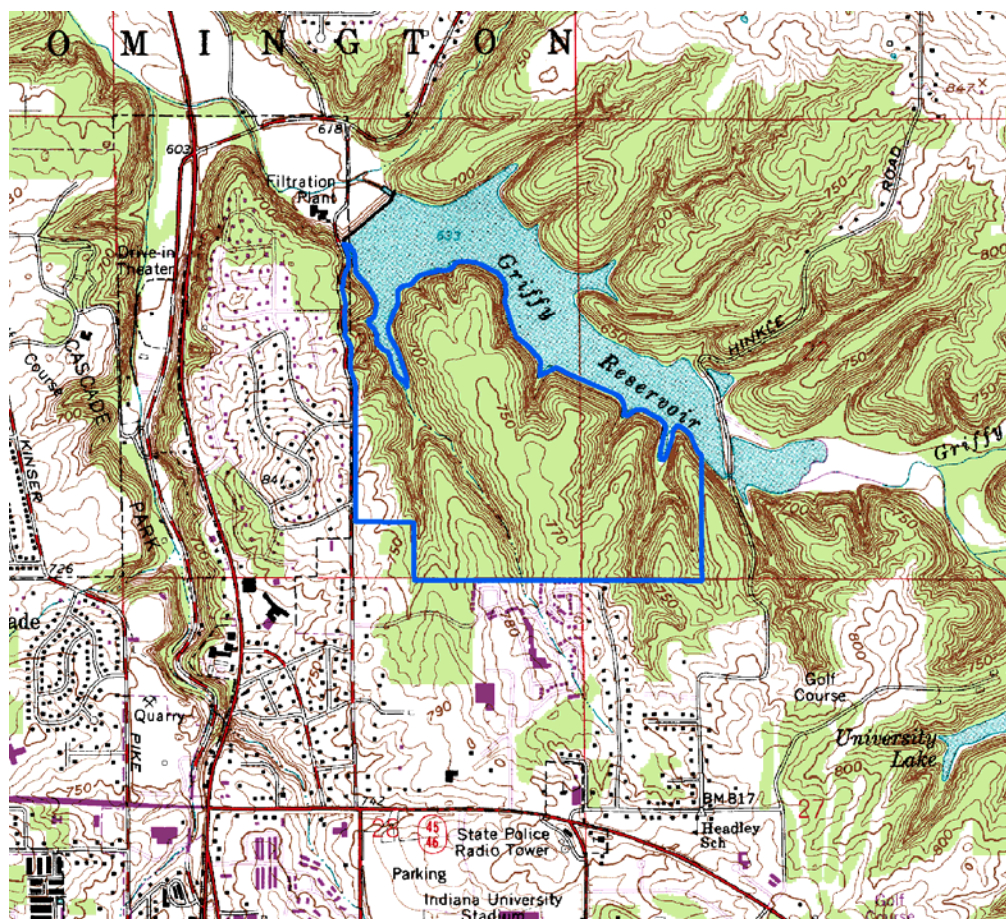
Griffy Woods Nature Preserve

County: Monroe Size: 240 acres
Ownership: Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department

Location and Access

The topography is steep and there is no developed trail system.

Access to the preserve is limited and very challenging; please contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at (812) 349-3700, or the Griffy Lake Boat House at (812) 331-6485 (May-September) for more information. The 240-acre nature preserve is located on the south shore of Griffy Lake, between Dunn St. and Hinkle Rd.



Description: The area consists of mesic and dry-mesic upland and ravine forest communities located on scenic, rolling topography. Some of the ridgetops are still in early and middle stages of succession, reverting from their former open conditions to a closed forest. Several rare species of plants are known from the site. Dominant trees include black, white and red oak, sugar maple, yellow poplar and hickory. Over 200 species of herbaceous plants have also been recorded in the area. Portions of the nature preserve were studied extensively by biologists from nearby Indiana University some 60 years ago; these early studies now are important ecological baseline references.

Further Information:

Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. 401 N Morton St, Ste 250. Bloomington, IN 47404. 812-349-3700.

Division of Nature Preserves. 402 W. Washington St. Rm W267. Indianapolis, IN 46204. 317-232-4052.
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